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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Ivan VERBESSELT, Geert HEYNINCK  
SIGNALLING BETWEEN ATM AND LOCAL AREA NETWORKS  
Assignee: ALCATEL  
Our Ref: Q80135

**FILED**

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/206,290 (Confirmation No. 5299) filed December 7, 1998 of Ivan VERBESSELT, Geert HEYNINCK entitled SIGNALLING BETWEEN ATM AND LOCAL AREA NETWORKS.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 4 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement, a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application, and a Preliminary Amendment.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2664.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Europe	97402970.4	December 8, 1997

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/206,290.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>8</u> - 20	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>2</u> - 3	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
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**\$770.00**

A check for the statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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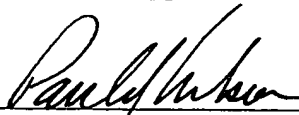
The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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